
HOUSE BILL 1379

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1 AN ACT Relating to the qualifications of an applicant for licensure
2 as a hearing instrument fitter/dispenser; and amending RCW 18.35.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.35.040 and 2002 c 310 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) An applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument
7 fitter/dispenser must have the following minimum qualifications and
8 shall pay a fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW
9 43.70.250. An applicant shall be issued a license under the provisions
10 of this chapter if the applicant:

11 (a)(i) Satisfactorily completes the hearing instrument
12 fitter/dispenser examination required by this chapter; or

13 (ii) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from another
14 jurisdiction if the standards for licensing in such other jurisdiction
15 are substantially equivalent to those prevailing in this state;

16 (b)(i) Satisfactorily completes a minimum of a two-year degree
17 program in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction. The
18 program must be approved by the board; or

1 (ii) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from another
2 jurisdiction, has been actively practicing as a licensed hearing aid
3 fitter/dispenser in another jurisdiction for at least twenty-four of
4 the last thirty months, and submits proof of completion of advance
5 certification from either the international hearing society or the
6 national board for certification in hearing instrument sciences; and

7 (c) Has not committed unprofessional conduct as specified by the
8 uniform disciplinary act.

9 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in
10 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of
11 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and
12 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

13 (2) An applicant for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or
14 audiologist must have the following minimum qualifications:

15 (a) Has not committed unprofessional conduct as specified by the
16 uniform disciplinary act;

17 (b) Has a master's degree or the equivalent, or a doctorate degree
18 or the equivalent, from a program at a board-approved institution of
19 higher learning, which includes completion of a supervised clinical
20 practicum experience as defined by rules adopted by the board; and

21 (c) Has completed postgraduate professional work experience
22 approved by the board.

23 All qualified applicants must satisfactorily complete the speech-
24 language pathology or audiology examinations required by this chapter.

25 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in
26 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of
27 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and
28 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

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